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LATEST MARKET REPORT	
FURNISHED BY	
E. F. SANGUINETTI	
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Cotton	.....22c
Milo Maze, ton	.....\$62.50
Petereta, ton	.....\$62.50
Alfalfa hay, ton	.....\$14.50
Barley, ton	.....\$43.00
Wheat, ton	.....\$57.50
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# ARIZONA SENTINEL

FEARLESS CHAMPION OF CITY OF YUMA, YUMA PROJECT  
AND YUMA COUNTY

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J. M. BALSZ	
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Cattle	.....6c to 10c
Hogs	.....8c to 12c
Lambs	.....12c
Turkeys	.....24c
Chicks	.....15c
Eggs	.....30c
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## THE SANGUINETTI AND EWING FRANCHISE ORDINANCE TO BE FOUGHT TO A FINISH BY THE LOS ANGELES HIGHBINDERS.

As predicted in these columns last week the Los Angeles owners of the local electric, gas and water company intend to fight the Sanguinetti-Ewing franchise to a standstill.

The edict has been issued; orders have been given to all local supporters of the highbinders to kill this meritorious measure; the fight is now on, and it remains to be seen whether Yuma citizens can conduct their own affairs, or whether they must take their orders from Los Angeles.

Every voter in Yuma knows by this time why the Los Angeles highbinders are fighting the Sanguinetti-Ewing franchise ordinance. If granted it means the death knell to a monopoly in this city. It means that the octopus-like tentacles that are warped and woven about Yuma will be severed for all time to come. It means that never again will a heartless, soulless corporation, dominated, owned and controlled by non-residents get a death grip on this splendid city. It means that the backbone of the chief highbinder will be broken, so far as the citizens of Yuma are concerned.

That's why the fight is to be made against permitting Sanguinetti and Ewing to have the privilege of erecting poles and stringing wires along Gila street from the river to their ice plant. For when once these poles shall have been erected and the wires strung it means that in addition to their own power, now generated at the ice plant, Sanguinetti and Ewing will have the same power that now furnishes the "juice" for the highbinders to operate their old rat-trap down on the banks of the silvery Colorado, a plant they are trying to unload on the city at about four times its actual value. When once this additional power is obtained by Sanguinetti and Ewing they will be in a position to "switch" it over to the city at any time the city may conclude to go into the electric light business on its own hook, without the necessity of the city entering into a contract with the Sierra High Power company for any given number of years, as Sanguinetti and Ewing had to do before they could induce that big corporation to bring its power to the opposite bank of the Colorado.

That's what sticks in the highbinders' craw. That's what hurts. Had this franchise ordinance not been applied for the highbinders never would have offered to adjust their rates in the city of Yuma. But the very moment this franchise was annulled for the chief highbinder made a bee line for Yuma and was more than anxious to hold a "get-together" meeting with the City Council and the Commercial Club for the purpose of suggesting NEW rates for light, gas and water. He knows his franchises are not worth the paper they are written on, for he has deliberately violated every contract he ever entered into with the citizens of Yuma. His franchises, if they were ever worth anything at all, have long since been forfeited for his failure to live up to the original agreements stipulated in the franchises.

Knowing all things as well as he must have been told by his attorneys he now seeks to throttle the people by bulldozing methods that the people do not take very kindly to. The recent agreement entered into will be passed on by the people on July 19. If they want to swallow the dose, all well and good. If they want to pay \$200 per acre for irrigating water here in the city they will say so in the forthcoming election. If they want to abolish the muddy water system and pay ten times as much for irrigating water as the original contract called for, they will vote to ratify the agreement entered into with the city council. But I venture the assertion right here and now that if the highbinders persist in fighting the Sanguinetti-Ewing ordinance, for the sole purpose of perpetuating their graft on the people of Yuma, they will find that the whole thing will be repudiated. We need the Sanguinetti and Ewing club to hold the highbinders in check. Just remember that on election day.

### WHO CAN FILL THE BILL?

We are writing to ask your kind co-operation in the placing of married couples on farms.

We have many very fine married couples who are anxious to go on farms, but are really not in a position financially to do it. They are steady and reliable people, but the high cost of living in Chicago has made it practically impossible for them to save.

In placing these people in your community you will not only be fulfilling a patriotic duty, but you will also benefit the individuals as well as build up your community.

We suggest that you call the farmers of your community.

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## COLORADO RIVER IS STILL RISING AND WILL MAKE RECORD FOR JUNE AND JULY, BOTH IN GAGE HEIGHT AND VOLUME. CITY IN NO DANGER.

Denver, Colo., June 26, 3 p. m.

### Reclamation

Yuma, Ariz.

Combined discharge of Grand, Green, San Juan rivers has been 155,000 second feet for last six days. Grand and San Juan have fallen one foot since June 20, but the Green has risen now one foot, or five-tenths higher than in 1909. Thirty or thirty-one feet at Yuma indicated about July 1 and remain practically the same for six days.

(Signed)

BRANDENBURG

It seems that the Colorado river is determined to establish a record for its June-July overflow all out of proportion to its previous records. However this may be done and still Yuma project may not suffer in the least, for the entire levee system is in much better shape than ever before, while the Reclamation officials have more equipment, a much better grade of rock for rivetment purposes, and all in all the project is better prepared for the flood waters than at any time since the siphon was completed.

The latest reports from the headwaters clearly indicate that we will have a greater volume of water than ever came down the Colorado river. As stated in these columns last week the biggest previous overflow was in 1912 when Bard was overflowed. At that time the river carried 144,200 cubic feet of water per second, whereas in the January flood of 1916, caused by the Gila, principally, the volume was 220,000 not counting what flowed across the Indian reservation when the waters actually topped the levee. The most now in sight is estimated at approximately 155,000 second feet. This will probably give us a river gage of about 30 feet at the Southern Pacific bridge, even though last Saturday the river was considerably higher above Laguna dam than ever recorded, with only about 93,000 second feet at Yuma, and a gage of 25.4, while three weeks ago, with a gage of 26.5 the river only carried the same volume of water. This clearly shows that the river has scoured to an unusual depth, the soundings showing something like 40 feet on an average all the way across the river directly in the rear of reclamation headquarters. It is this abnormal scouring process that makes it almost beyond the possible for Yuma to be damaged.

Reports from the Denver weather office declare that there is considerably more water in the San Juan, the Green, the Grand and the Gunnison rivers than ever before recorded at those stations, with all upper tributaries still bank full and even overflowing. Project Manager Schlect is taking no chances of being caught by any heavier volume than is estimated by the Denver office, for he has his full force working every day and night all the way from Laguna dam down to the Mexican line. Since last week I have personally inspected every foot of the levee system in company with the project manager, and I am more than pleased to say that it looks like everything that human hands could do has been done to make the levee flood proof. This does not mean, by any means, that work will stop on the levee, for about three hundred carloads of rock per day are being used at various points to strengthen the weaker places, as well as torevet the levee on each side to prevent damage at the hands of gophers.

Just below the seventeen mile post the river changed a week ago to the opposite bank, and within two days a fall of a full foot was noted on the Arizona side all the way from the 17 mile post down to the Mexican line. This clearly indicates that the main channel has begun scouring on the opposite bank, taking the full force of the river down the Bee river and on towards the Imperial Valley Volcano lake levee. That is a great help to Yuma Valley, but is calculated to give the Imperial Valley officials all they can do to prevent a disaster at the new Volcano lake canal.

Alderman George Downey, who has charge of the river front work for the city, is leaving nothing undone to strengthen the levee at the foot of Gila and Main streets. He is using many car loads of rock furnished by the Reclamation service, and in addition is using material obtained from Prison Hill. I repeat there apparently is absolutely no danger to either the city or Yuma project.

(From the Project Manager.)

It has come to the attention of this office that the people of Bard district and Yuma Valley have been greatly alarmed by rumors concerning the flood of the

## CITY COUNCIL BACKS UP AND REPEALS RESOLUTION FIXING UTILITY RATES AND ABOLISHING UNFILTERED WATER SYSTEM

I take off my hat to the city council. They did the right thing at the right time at Tuesday night's meeting when they unanimously repealed the resolution passed at the previous meeting which sought to fix the rates for water, gas and light, and incidentally doing away with the muddy water system. They had passed the measure after an all day and half of the night session with the big he highbinder who insisted that before he would reduce electric light rates the city would have to permit him to discontinue the muddy water system. The proposition looked good on its face, but when analyzed it was even a greater outrage than is now being perpetrated, for the new rates actually raised the minimum on all utilities, fixing the light rates at \$1.50 per month, the water at \$2 per month, and gas at \$2.25. This was a raise of 50 cents all along the line. The only thing it did was cut the big lights from 16 to 12 cents per KHW. In exchange for this magnificent generosity (?) the big fellow over in Los Angeles was permitted to discontinue the muddy water system, which meant the death of every tree and shrub in the city, for nobody but a millionaire could afford to pay the rate he was to get for clear water for irrigation purposes.

After reading last week's Sentinel the people became thoroughly aroused, and then exasperated. A referendum was started Monday and when the city council met Tuesday night the document was laid before that honorable body signed by eighty-eight of the best names in the city, with the name of the editor of this paper added for good measure. The city council at once repealed the former measure, which was the very thing sought by the referendum measure. It was a great victory for those who were not afraid to express themselves. The aldermen were fully convinced that the people were in earnest, and without further ceremony they threw the whole thing overboard, leaving the question of fixing the rates up to the people to be voted on July 19 at which time, should the proposed charter amendment be adopted, the council can then fix the rates to suit themselves.

Score another knock-out against the big he highbinder, who pretended he didn't like the proposed rates, yet who was laughing all the way back to Los Angeles about how he had "slipped one over" on the City Council and Commercial Club in inducing them to agree to the rates adopted at the previous meeting of the city council. But he laughed too soon. He did not calculate on what the people might do when they were once set to thinking. But it is all over now. The question stands exactly where it did when the Corporation Commission was stopped by order of court from hearing the muddy water question. All rates remain the same. The muddy water will continue to flow at the same old rates until the question is finally passed on, either by the Corporation Commission in September, or by the people after the charter is amended on July 19.

After attending to routine matters, and opening bids for the city printing, the Examiner being the lowest bidder, the council took a rest until the coming Tuesday.

Again I congratulate the council on its sensible action. It was the only sane and sensible thing for them to do. By doing as they did they showed that they have a high regard for the opinion of the people. I hope they will always continue to be as heedful of the people's wishes.

Colorado river and the condition of the lower levees. In order to allay any fears, the following facts are presented as a news item:

The Colorado river is now in flood and indications are that a somewhat higher stage will be reached. Our levees are in good condition and still have a large margin of safety. During the early part of the season all low stretches of the levee were raised. Rock was added to the embankment where it must withstand high heads of water, to add weight and drive out the gophers. Large quantities of rock are immediately available at the quarries at Yuma and Potholes, and ample heavy equipment,

with an efficient organization, has been assembled for the maintenance of the levees and to fight encroachments of the river. At present there are two points where the current of the river is impinging against the levee. These have been strengthened and are now well in hand. Telegraphic reports of the height of the river at Needles are received daily at this office, and these give five days notice of what may be expected. No alarming reports have been received from Needles. Should the river reach an unexpected stage, notice will be given immediately by telephone or by

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